and December each year over the index average of 608, w.e.f. 1st July and 1st January respectively with the salary for September and March respectively. Employees drawing basic pay upto Rs. 3,500/- are to be allowed 100% neutralisation and those drawing basic pay between Rs. 3501/- and Rs. 6000/- 75% and those drawing basic pay above Rs. 6,000/- 65%. On the basis of percentage increase in the 12 monthly average of the Consumer Price Index over the index average of 608, a revision of DA for Central Govt. employees is due w.e.f. 1.1.1989. The matter regarding revision of D.A. w.e.f. 1.1.1989 is under consideration.

Demand for Jharkhand State

*30. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recently stepped up agitations by some sections in Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal for a separate Jharkhand State; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Resurgence in the agitation for a separate State of Jharkhand during the recent months has come to the notice of the Government. Public order being a State subject the concerned State Governments are taking appropriate steps to maintain law and order and even tempo of the life of the community in the affected areas. The Government considers that such demands arise largely on account of economic imbalances and such imbalances in a particular state or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planned development and that the creation of a separate State may not be the answer to the problem.

Malwa Canal

*31. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted a scheme for Malwa Canal;

(b) whether there is any possibility to modify the present Narmada Valley Project to include the Malwa Canal so as to utilise the surplus water from the Narmada Sagar Reservoir;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Committee on the Capital's set-up

*32. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to go into the question of the Capital's administration has since completed its work;

(b) whether the resignation of Justice Sarkaria as its Chairman is likely to delay the report in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to expedite completion of the work of the Committee?